derabad to finalise a comprehensive action plan to combat the menance of Naxalite violence in these States;

(b) if so, the details of the action plan finalised; and

(c) the other steps taken to curb extremist-operation?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The following decisions were taken:—

(i) The existing laws such as the National Security Act will continue to be invoked by the concerned State Governments. Simultaneously, the State Governments could examine enactment of a separate law to deal with the left wing extremist problem.

(ii) A comprehensive Plan of Action encompassing development activities as well as stepped up security measures will have to be prepared by the States. Andhra Pradesh Government have already prepared such a plan which has been referred to the Planning Commission. Other State Governments should also prepare similar plans which will be taken up with the planning Commission for allocation of funds.

(iii) A Coordination Centre will be set up at Hyderabad for reviewing the progress of the Action Plan and to coordinate the efforts of the State Governments. Union Home Secretary will be the Chairman of the Committee with Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police of the four States as Members.

Ministry of Home Affairs has set up the Coordination Centre on 26.6.1998. State Government have been requested to take immediate action on the decisions taken at the meeting.

(c) Central Government has taken adequate measures to help the States to fight the menace. These include holding of coordination meetings with the States concerned as well as with the various intelligence and vinestigating agencies of the Central Government to exchange information, share intelligence, plan strategy and taken coordinated action. In certain special circumstances, financial assistance has also been given to some of the affected States over and above the on-going allocations for modernisation of police and supply of weapons. Training of police personnel in anti-extremist operations has also been arranged. Central Government in consultation with concerned States has drawn up an Action Plan in this regard which includes:—

(i) Ensuring security of police stations, particularly those located in naxalite affected areas.

(ii) Having a common communication system;

(iii) Setting up a Control Room in each State;

(iv) Joint patrolling;

(v) Launching of Area Domination programme among the State;

(vi) Strengthening of intelligence network in affected areas in concerned States;

(vii) Training of police personnel in anti-extremist operations.

State Governments have been requested to take immediate steps to implement the above Action Plan. Action taken by the States is being reviewed from time to time.

Induction of SU-30 aircraft in IAF

*317. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any delay in the

induction of SU-30 aircraft in Indian Air Force; and

(b) if so, reasons therefor and the steps taken to expedite the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reasons for the delay are being ascertained. In the meanwhile efforts are being made to expedite the delivery.

Bomb Blasts in Tamil Nadu

*318. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of bomb blasts that occurred since July, 1996 to till date in Tamil Nadu, district-wise;

(b) whether Government have sent any advice to the State Government to prevent the bomb blasts in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI):

(a) As per available information, the following are the details of bomb blasts in Tamil Nadu from July 1, 1996 till-date;

District	No. of incidents.
Chennai	16
Coimbatore	24
Cudallore	1
Dharamapuri	4
Dindigal	3
Erode	2
Kanchipuram	3
Kanyakumari	5
Madurai	19
Nagapattanam	3
Namakkal	1
Salem	2
Thanjavur	3
Theni	3
Thiruvallur	1
Thiruchirapalli	1
Thirunelveli	25
Toticorin	27
Vellore	1
Villupuram	2
Virudhunagar	8
TOTAL	154

(b) and (c) Intelligence is invariably shared by the Central Government with the concerned State Governments from time to time, in order to enable them to take appropriate preventive measures well in time. This has been done in the case of Tamil Nadu as well. Further, 'Public Order' and 'Police' being State subjects, it is for the concerned State Government to devise appropriate methods and take concrete steps to maintain law and order in the State.

Modernisation of Andhra Police

*319 DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for release of funds for modernisation of State Police Forces; and

(b) if so, the action taken to assist Andhra Pradesh Government to modernise Police Forces?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On the basis of the proposals received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh, the Central Government has released Rs. 22.28 crores approximately to the State, during the last three years, under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces. Besides, Andhra Pradesh is also availing of grants recommended by the Tenth Finance Commission for upgradation of its police related infrastructure.